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European FT Initiative.

Calling all UFO Research Groups in both the United Kingdom & on the European Mainland. An attempt to track the black triangular-shaped UFO across Europe during the years 1993 - 1997 is underway. Based upon Project FT's database which contains some 7,000 sighting reports, additional FT reports are required which will be added to the database and which may possibly reveal just where the FT has its entrance/ exit windows.. (Cont. Page 2)....

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Well folks, Summer is just around the corner and the good old crop circles have been appearing in the merry old fields of England, Germany, Israel and Chile. To date, 16th June, there are 35 reported crop circle formations in the united kingdom, 2 in Germany, 1 in Israel and 1 in Chile.

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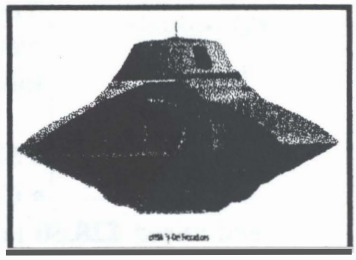
As for UFO reports in Hampshire and the Southampton area, well this year has only seen half a dozen reports and nothing of note. So, where have all the UFO's gone ?

In this edition, we see a report from group member Bill Smith and a transcript of his interview with UFOlogist Timothy Good. Bill was lucky enough to have a one to one interview and Bill spent many hours listening to the taped recording of the interview and writing it out so we could print the whole interview it in the newsletter. Thanks Bill...



Conference 1999 has got off to a slow start with only around 30 tickets either being sold or promises of people purchasing them. So please, if you want a conference ticket, fill in the enclosed application form and return it to your editor as soon as possible. If we do not sell 90 tickets by the 1st of October, then the conference will have to be cancelled. So, the ball is in your court..... Ed...

What's coming in the next issue...

1. Matthew William's reply to Crop Circle Researcher Paul Vigay (Independent Research Centre for Unexplained Phenomenon).

2. Interim Report (No. 1) FT (Flying Triangle) European Initiative.. researcher Victor Kean.

3. James Oberg and his thoughts on 'The Secret KGB Files' screened on TV on the 24th (Pt 1) and the 31st (Pt 2). This certainly makes you think about the program and its contents....)

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GROUP MEETING 18TH APRIL 1999.

The following people gave up their time to attend the group meeting :

- Steve Gerrard (Group Organiser)
- Bill Smith
- Steve Rider

What can I say... I would like to say a number of things, but I do not think I could publish it without offending someone. Bill Smith, Steve Rider and myself put a lot into the group and for what... This is the type of support we get. As one of us said, "if you the group member do not like what we agree on, then tough". You have your chance to come along to the meeting for discussion, video, audio material etc. etc. So, after returning to my house, the meeting went ahead as follows :

- SUFOG building society balance : £230.39. 48 Subscribers to the newsletter.
- Car boot sale : I myself attended a 2 hr car boot sale on behalf of the group and raised **£28.50** less £3.00 for the pitch and £2.00 for my refreshments. Total monies raised : **£23.50.**
- **Avebury trip :** Numbers required to editor **by** the **30th June. 2.** The cost will be £5 per person. **3.** Steve Rider is hiring a 16 seat mini bus. **4.** We will take water, kettle and a water heater for hot drinks. **5.** You will have to bring your own tea bags, coffee, milk, sugar, food (we will buy 3 large disposable barbecue's if you wish to bring something to cook). **6.** We will leave at 5 p.m. 31.7.99 from Church Road Community Centre car park and return to this point at around 5 p.m. on the 1st August. 7. We will visit Avebury Stone Circle and Silbury Hill and hold an all night sky watch in the locality. **8.** For Sunday lunch we will go to a local pub (You will have to pay for your own meals and drinks).
- Myself, Ernie Sears and group representative Steve Rider appeared on **3 Minutes** a local TV program to publicise the group. We do not know when it will be screened, but we will show it at a future meeting.
- Next Group speaker will be Ernie Sears lecture on **May** the **23rd** at the Church road hall.
- Speaker for June has been cancelled due to lack of response at previous meetings and the next speaker will not be invited along until after the **1999 Conference** in October.
- Busty Taylor's Talk : Only **14** people attended and we raised **£25** for the group.
- London Trip : We may arrange a mini bus trip to London for one of the BUFORA lectures on a Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.. Details at a later date.
- It was voted 3 - 0 that we change the venue for our Sunday night group meetings and we will be now holding our meetings in a Working mans club in Netley (With our own private bar).
- **Conference 99 :** Bill Smith, Steve Rider and myself are to arrange a day to go and look at the venue and to make one or two plans as regards to tables etc for book, video sellers etc. Bill Smith is currently working on selling advertising space in the program with local pubs, shops etc. I have printed 100 tickets, I will hold 70, Bill Smith holds 10 and Steve Rider has 20. Advertising is in hand and Ernie Sears is going to approach a friend to see if they can design a poster. So far, we have tables for Quest International merchandise, SUFOG merchandise and Totton College UFO course. I am going to approach Forbidden Planet in Southampton and UFO book dealer Lionel Beer to see if they would like a table. We still have a few jobs to do : book the hotel for the speakers, taxis to and from the venue for speakers (Steve Rider has this in hand), and Sunday lunch. Also, we have to also buy the raffle prizes nearer the time. We also decided that I should produce 15 videos and 15 audio tapes to sell on the day costing the group £40.32. We stand to

make around £131.68 profit. These will be from past speakers at our Sunday afternoon events.

We finished the meeting at around 10 p.m. with a video that I was thinking about showing at the group meeting, but Bill and Steve certainly did not miss out seeing this brilliant UFO filmed over China in 1999 (I **may** show it again at a future meeting). So, as usual, we lost money from our Sunday evening meeting : 3 people = £6.00 subs... Hall hire = £13.00.. Total loss to the group : £7.00. If anyone has any second hand UFO material i.e. books, magazines, videos, audio tapes etc that they would like to donate to the group to sell at the conference, please let the editor know.

SCOUTS ARE ENLIGHTENED..

On Friday the 21st May, I was invited to give a talk to my son's local scout troop. As I was already taking him there, I thought why not and duly took along a video player and portable TV. When we arrived, all hell had taken place with footballs and bodies flying everywhere (my sons included !!! - rough lot these scouts !!)...

I set up the equipment and when the scouts had done their bits, the seats were duly set out in front of the TV. So, where do I start... 'First question .. Who believes that there is life on other planets..' and out of the 24 scouts there, 22 put their hands straight up. So, I asked the 2 lads, why they didn't think life was out there.. The answers were straight forward .. 'Its too far to come to visit us'.. 'We are the only life in space'.... Oh well, 22 converts out of 24.. Not bad...

I went on to tell the group about the Southampton UFO Group, what we did and my views on the possibility of life on other planets and in other universes. I then proceeded to show the lads some photographs of UFO's and Crop Circles, which brought out many explanations of the photos to hoaxer's, models, birds and people having a laugh.... (Doug and Dave to a tee !!!).

I then showed a video of UFO and crop circle material (One I had made earlier ....!!) and then we had a discussion about the video followed by a question and answer session.

Although the group was very loud and at times very noisy, they seemed to enjoy themselves with a couple of them coming up to me afterwards saying 'Thank you very much', 'I enjoyed it', and 'I wish the video was a bit longer...'

I must admit, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I hope that one or two of them may carry their interest a bit further in the future and who knows where it might lead...

Steve Gerrard.

ANOTHER GROUP FAILURE..

What do I have to do to encourage more people to come along to our Sunday afternoon meetings to listen to our invited guest speakers... !!!

On Sunday the 23rd May, Ernie Sears was due to give his lecture that had been previously cancelled due to the lack of people (I think there was only 6 of us when he was to give his last talk).. So, myself, and group members Bill Smith and his wife Jean arrived at the hall at 2.15 and set the hall up and putting out 20 chairs. I had brought along around 50 books from my private collection to sell to group members, giving them the opportunity first, before I sell them else where. Ernie arrived at around 2.40 and set his bits out and we waited for the mad rush to start.... At 3.05 group member Mrs Reynolds arrived and that made an audience of just 4 people, even less than Ernie's previous lecture that we had to cancel. So, what do we do, I felt so embarrassed for Ernie, but he said, no lets carry on. So, at 3.15 he started the talk and what a fine talk it was. He talked of his life's experiences of UFO encounters, healing and the possibility that he has been abducted in later life.

Those of us there thoroughly enjoyed his talk and those of you who did not come for what ever reason, missed out on what I thought was one of our best speakers.

So, as of now, we are not having our Sunday afternoon meetings prior to the conference in October and the likely hood is, that we will not have them anymore. Why should I, Bill and his wife give up our Sunday afternoons to sit in an empty hall. These talks have been arranged for you the group member who seem reluctant to attend such events. So, 1999 will see the end of Sunday afternoon talks and group events will be limited to those who really believe in the group...

Steve Gerrard

First crop circles of 1999.

(I.R.C.U.P 1999 Crop Circle Database).

1. Reported 11.4.99 - Newton St. Leo Nr Bath : A large circle with 2 smaller circles with a ring around one. Somerset. Oil Seed Rape.

2. Reported 12.4.99 - N.East or Marlborough : Rather sloppy looking triangle formed from two dissected circles with a key-type path on one side. Wiltshire. Oil Seed Rape.

3. Reported 12.4.99 - Gravesend, Nr Rochester : An elaborate formation that appears to be made of some 12 interlocking circles in a circular shape. Appears on the ground to be an obvious hoax, with much damage. Kent. Oil Seed Rape.

4. Reported 16th April - Milk Hill, Nr Alton Barnes : Large circle with one ring to the North and another to the South. No visible tracks, but circle appeared to be about 8 days old when found, due to extent of crop growth. Wiltshire. Oil Seed Rape.

5. Reported 15th April - Bishop Canning, near Devizes : A large ring with a flattened segment of circle forming an irregular vesica pisces, with a small grapeshot on one side. Wiltshire. Oil Seed Rape.

6. Reported 19th April - Over Wallop, near Andover : Early 1990's style pictogram, aligned along a tramline. Hampshire. Oil Seed Rape.

7. Reported 19th April - Everleigh, near Pewsey : A large ring with a flattened smaller circle inside, touching the outer perimeter. Wiltshire. Wheat.

8. Reported 27th April - Hen Wood, near West Meon : A circular ring surrounded by three segments of standing crop within a larger circle. Hampshire. Oil Seed Rape.

9. Reported 30th April - Woodborough Hill, Nr Alton Priors : A circle with some rather irregular 'bars' within it. It looks like a rather amateur hoax. Wiltshire. Oil Seed Rape.

10. Reported 3rd May - Several overlapping circles in a long line, each portraying a partially overlapping disc. Kind of symbolic of the forthcoming eclipse ! Hampshire. Oil Seed Rape.

11. Reported 3rd May - Milk Hill, Nr Alton Barnes - A strange shape consisting of multiple circles arranged around a central circle with two outer circles. Wiltshire. Oil Seed Rape.

12. Reported 9th May - Tormarton, Nr Chipping Sodbury - Ringed circle, visible from the M4. Somerset. Oil Seed Rape.

13. Reported 24 May - Toot Balden, Nr Oxford - Single circle, possibly 2 -3 weeks old. Oxfordshire. Oil Seed Rape.

14. Reported 24th May - Toot Balden, Nr Oxford - A large ring about 15' thick, approx. 100' dia. There is a small key-like appendage added to it. Oxfordshire. Barley.

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Another case of the heart attack.

Whilst surfing the net, I went to Whitley Streibers WebSite :

http://www.strieber.com

It appears that Dr. Roger Leir has had a heart attack. (item dated 29.5.99) and is the second person recently to of succumbed to a heart attack (Richard Hoagland SUFOG no. 101 - 102). Also, Dr. Lear has recently parted company with Darryl Sims and their project on Alien Implants :

see :

www.FIRSTevidence.org

or :

www.ALIENIMPLANTS.com

Rockerfellar and Andrews...

Whilst driving home from a long, hard night shift at 7 am on the 19th May, the radio playing on a local radio station Radio Solent, Suddenly the word crop circle crept into my sleepy head. It appears that Rockerfellar, the rich recluse, is backing Colin Andrews in solving the mystery of the crop circles for once and for all. Mind you, the program presenters stated that it was a waste of time, and that it was just people walking around the fields using a plank and rope. Need I say more... !!!!

The Daily Mail : 27.4.99... Riddle of a Silver UFO 'the size of a battleship'...

CONSPIRACY theorists had a field day yesterday over reports that a UFO 'the size of a battleship' had been spotted 28,000 ft above the North Sea. Both the Civil Aviation Authority and the Ministry of Defence confirmed they were aware of the alleged sighting but denied they were investigating it.

"This may sound silly," said the CAA, "but it is a matter for the MoD".

The MoD commented, "Our people have been looking at it but we are not investigating".

One UFO spotter declared : "Well, they would say that, wouldn't they?".

The mysterious craft - said to be silver-coloured & pencil thin with square windows along the fuselage - was reported by a pilot on a private charter flight between Linkoping, in Sweden and Humberside on February 3.

The pilot, from the Luton based airline Debonair, was flying a BAe 146 jet off Denmark when the cockpit was immersed in 'incandescent light'.

A CAA spokesman said 'He saw an unidentified bright light below the aircraft. The area was illuminated for ten seconds.

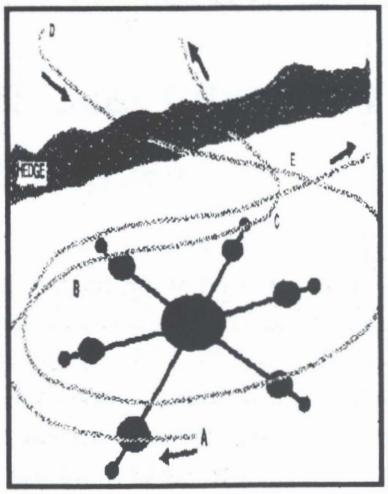
'Three other aircraft reported seeing it moving at high speed, or static. As far as we are concerned, the matter is closed'.

Debonair refused to name the pilot. 'He is on four days leave,' said a spokesman. 'He definitely saw a bright red light'.

3 Minutes of fame...

Myself, Ernie Sears and Steve Rider stood on top of a hill, just outside Netley, with a top film crew from a program shown at 5.30 p.m. called 3 minutes. Well, 45 seconds on air.. I said to Steve if he wanted to be front and centre feel free. So, Steve and 'THE' cameraman, sound man, producer (Well it was all one man and his camera !!) made several attempts at getting that one, perfect tape to be broadcasted. We finally got the shot we wanted, and frozen to the bone went home waiting the calls to flood in. Well, as far as I know, it has been screened 4 times, and from this, we have had 11 enquiries,. I have sent out the group information, and to date 3.6.99, we have had no replies.

One of these calls, was some pratt playing the fool and causing me a lot of grief. So, from now if we appear on TV or radio, my postal address only will be given out and then at least I can throw the 'C**P' letters from cranks etc straight into the bin where they belong. This has been somewhat upsetting to me and my family and at one point I thought sod the lot and chuck the group in... We will see what happens over the next few months and the conference in October.



15. Reported 23rd May - Avebury Trusloe - A very elaborate pictogram with many curved paths and individual circles. Wiltshire. Barley.

16. Reported 23rd May - Compton Dando, Nr Bristol - A ring with what appears to be two crescent shapes inside it. Somerset. Barley.

17. Reported 28th May - Two overlapping circles with the whole formation approx. 90 ft across. One circle is approx. 30 ft in dia and the other 70 ft. Essex. Oil Seed Rape.

18. Reported 10th May - Cockfosters - Single circle approx. 30 ft dia. Hertfordshire. Oil Seed Rape.

19. Reported 28th May - Owlesbury, Nr Winchester - Single circle with three equidistant smaller satellite circles each approx. 50 ft dia. Hampshire. Wheat.

20. Reported 26th May - Thurleigh, Nr Bedford - A single Circle. Bedfordshire. Oil Seed Rape.

21. Reported 29th May - Penton Grafton, nr Andover - A nest of crescents approx. 300 ft dia. Hampshire. Barley.

22. Reported 31st May - Upham, Nr Bishops Waltham - 2 curved paths with arrow type designs on them & curved paths each ending in 3 smaller circles arranged in an approx. 'S' shape. Hampshire. Barley.

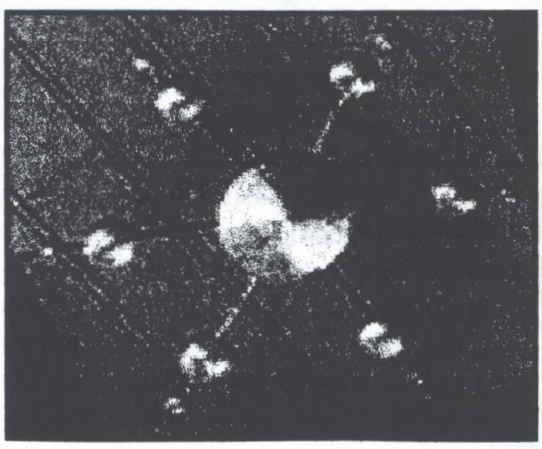
23. Reported 31st May - Barbury Castle - A Menorah shaped design with an additional ring / crescent shape in the same field. Wiltshire.

24. Reported : 1st June - Upham 2 - 2 rings with a circle inside one & a wavy pattern around the outside. Hampshire.

25. Reported 1st June - Amersham - 2 single circles in the same field. Buckinghamshire. Barley.

26. Reported 2nd June - Barton Le Clay - Circle with standing centre, surrounded by a ring with a path leading to a smaller circle.

27. Reported 7th June - Dewsbury - A largish (100 - 150 ft) circle with a ring around it. North Yorkshire. Wheat.



28. Reported 12th June - All Cannings - circular design with angular segments. Wiltshire. Wheat.

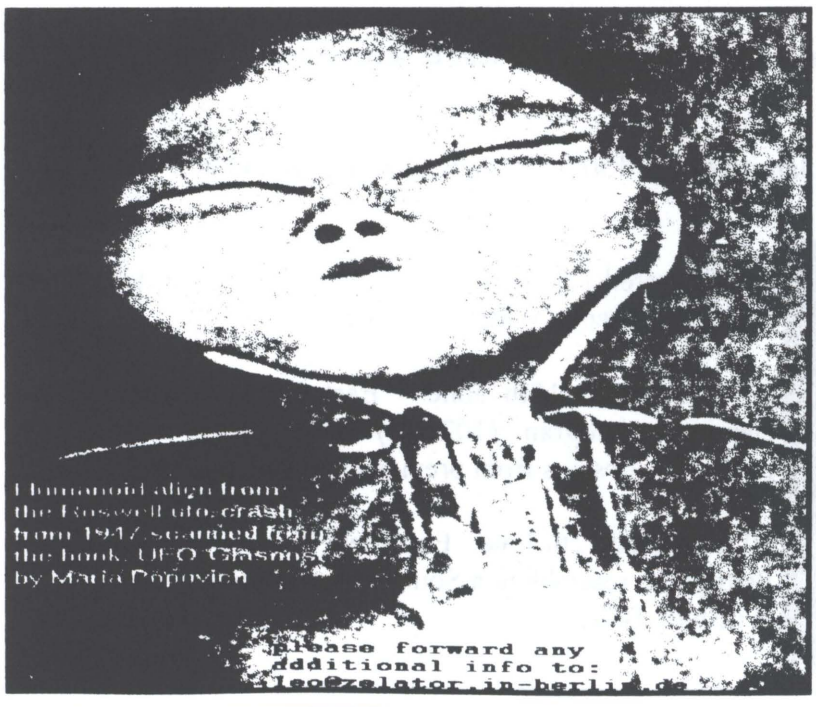
29. Reported 12th June - East Field, Alton Barnes - elaborate pictogram (1020 ft) incorporating many classic crop circle designs from previous years. Wiltshire. Barley.

30. Reported 12th June - East Field 2, Alton Barnes - Pictogram, resembling a South American Sun Serpent. Wiltshire. Barley.

YOUR EDITOR TALKS TO THE WEST END LADIES GROUP.. 27th APRIL 1999.

I was invited along to give a talk on the subject of UFO's to a small group of around 20 ladies, lasting for around 1 hour. I arrived at 7.30 p.m. and started the talk at around 7.45 p.m. after a few more people had arrived. We sat around in the chairpersons front room and I started with a brief history of UFOlogy, the major sightings and then I started to talk about local sightings. Suddenly one or two of the ladies started to relate the strange astral bodies that they have seen whilst walking or sitting in the back garden. Unfortunately, the majority of the objects were either planets or shooting starts or other aerial borne objects. I then went on to show the ladies video footage from all around the world and finally spoke of a couple of recent cases that I have investigated.

After a cup of coffee at around 9 p.m. I thought that's it, time to go. But at around 10.30, we had covered not only space, but we also crept onto my work as a Special Constable and my work in this area. The ladies in effect got two talks, although we generally talked about the youth of today, crime etc. and I was very enlightening to talk to these ladies, in that they spoke openly and they all had a very open mind about the possibility of life in space, but whether the objects being reported in our skies actually came from other planets, well they were not so sure. But, we spread the word and I think they may well ask me back again next year for another presentation on the subject of either UFOlogy or as a Special Constable, but we will see.



SUFOG DIARY - 1999..

July 31st / 1st August - Sky Watch at Avebury, Wiltshire.

Sept 4th - Sky Watch. (Portsdown Hill Car Park opp. Fort Nelson)
5th - Group Meeting (AGM).

Oct 9th - Sky Watch. (Cheesefoot Head Car Park ..) (8 p.m.)
24th - 1 Day Mini Conference.

Nov 13th - Sky Watch. (New Forest)

Dec 18th - Sky Watch. (Portsdown Hill Car Park op. Fort Nelson).
19th - Christmas Pub Meeting and social evening hopefully with a small buffet.

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..

The editor is currently selling part of his book collection (100 books), and if you would like a listing of those books that I am selling, then drop me a line enclosing a self addressed envelope and I will send the list to you. Prices range from between £1 - £2.50 plus postage. Write soon as they may not be around for too long.

YE OLDE NEWSPAPER REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS ESQ.

Well, not much of those either, this time around.. but what there is, that have "connections" to our abiding interests, is typed herewith at midnight on the 10th June !

DAILY TELEGRAPH of an unknown date... in May ?.. fills a complete column all down one side and is Matt Ridley's "Acid Test" of those crop circles ! Natch.. being a cynic Matt runs rings around his own hoaxes circa 1991 and chucks in the item that American billionaire Rockerfeller has got involved with financial research.. via Colin Andrews.. and Matt avers that circles are more due to undergraduates than aliens ! Quotes one Robin Allen of Southampton University as one hoaxer.. note the name !

DAILY MAIL of the 20th May did a magnificent two page coloured spread of the more impressive crop circles.. and an equally impressive accompanying article by Julian Champlin.. very seriously framed, none of the "green men" stuff... one Michael Green of the Centre for Crop Circle Studies no less opines not little green men but a non-human intelligence is responsible. Laurence Rockerfeller gets a mention again.

A Bilderberg group member to boot !

DAILY MAIL of an uncertain May date had a question from a W.H. Passell from York as to did anyone know what happened at the Suffolk village of Shingle Street in the forties when residents were ordered indoors. What astounds me or does it ?.. is the allegation that a thirty year ban on files being released has just been added to the original fifty years ditto ! What the hell warrants an 80 year clamp down ? Following this up, somewhat coincidentally, I finally found Shingle Street on an old map.. it was only about three miles from Rendlesham Forest ! I also knew from "Left at East Gate" radar experiments have been going on in that area of Suffolk since pre-war. Although they weren't called radar then, and since I further learnt that people there were "burnt" during the war. Hmm ! If you have studied the Rendlesham Forest incident you may recognise similarities. I am currently further pursuing the incident. Your ideas, info, welcome !

DAILY MAIL again... and the crap hit the fan with the Government's not surprising watering down" of that much heralded Freedom of Information Bill.. late May, at which Editors of many papers fired off some nasty hard hitting missiles ! 'Secrets and Lies' headlined the **DAILY TELEGRAPH** while the **MAIL** of the 24th May asked if we wanted some 'free information ?' £20 please !.. which is what the Bill says we have to pay, upwards, for any questions asked ! Which SEEMS to mean, incredibly, that Government and local council meetings will make decisions which we, the public, will never get to hear ! Unworkable, I think... surely we will reject in a loud and collective voice "1984" and Big Brother, who masquerades as Tony Blair ?

SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO ... our own and much prized and improved local paper, had a splendidly forceful Comment article by Editor Ian Murray on the threat to our freedom, 'Our rights are slowly being eroded' and 'keeping mum in the corridors of power' etc. etc. A phone conversation with Ian Murray gained me the enviable offer of doing an article on my 'interests'. Currently done and waiting publication.. no lack of UFO encounters within it, and much on the lies I and many others have been told over many years as to what we have encountered.

So far that's about the net result of my cuttings section.. unless you know something else, Steve !

A quickie anecdote concerning my weird (even to ME !) missing time (30 minutes) on April 8th / 9th... following that Easter weekend and subsequent events as related last issue... was checked out by the over my head and complicated system

of plotting and even forecasting UFO entry into our atmosphere by long-time acquaintance Roy Dutton, CEng.

My missing time betwixt switching off my lounge light and actually getting into bed coincided with a "Track 3 Entry".. a quite unusual traverse of UFO's betwixt.. as I understand it and have such before.. the Isle of Wight and the Wilts / Hants area.. wherein a "mother ship" drops off a triangular earth entry craft and retrieves it again on the same path ! Yeah ! If you've heard Roy lecture at conferences you know how the mind boggles ! However, the lad is some sort of genius as far as I am concerned. Although he'll deny it !

The undeniable FACT that my disappearance had an independent witness yards away shocked me but explained my next mornings "paranormal" and just plain shattered awakening and subsequent incidents. Added to my book manuscript.. the synopsis of which is currently at Simon and Schuster's publishing company... fingers crossed !

Well, "there you go"... make what you will of it... or if you have had similar episodes contact me...

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Southampton,
Hampshire.

Modern UFOlogy (The State of !!)

Having been in the business of UFOlogy for over 15 years, I have met many people involved in the subject as well as members of the public. But why is British UFOlogy in the state it is in. Well, from a purely personal view :

1. Too many people seem to be on an ego trip and want to be the number one. Everything has to revolve around them and when it comes to criticism, one can't criticise them, because they know it all.

2. There are too many authors pumping out books that go over the same old case every time. So what ! We have read it or seen it before and we learn nothing new.

3. There are too many groups popping up here and there and lasting for around 6 months or so, then they disappear. Again, alto ego's take over or like SUFOG, group members want a group, but the majority don't want to get involved.

4. many British so called UFOlogist shoot themselves in the foot, such as Matthew Williams (Crop Circle hoaxer), Philip Mantle (Roswell Autopsy) just to name 2 people.

5. Many groups do not want to share their own information, but expect others to give them their information for nothing in exchange.

So what do we do... To be honestly frank, I do not know.. But here's my answers.

1. Don't get involved with the auto-egoists..

2. I only buy books that are pre 1985, because they contain 'original' information. I have recently swept through my book collection and decided to part with over half of my collection of books dating from the mid 1980's.

3. The Southampton UFO Group will continue if it the last thing I do and the way things are going, it may be the last thing I do ... !!!!

4. Don't shoot myself in the foot with statements etc. that can come full circle in the future.

5. Open policy of sharing information Only with those that reciprocate and anyone else will have to sing for the information. If people do not send postage etc and again, these letters and requests will end up in the bin.

Steve Gerrard (SUFOG Founder)

MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

Due to the editor running out of time and the fact that his house is falling down around his ears at the moment, the magazine reviews will be carried over to the next issue when we will have a bumper review of magazines (Sorry about this Ernie... !!). So, if you have sent me a magazine or newsletter to review, don't panic, as it **WILL** be reviewed in the next edition of the newsletter..

E.T. ALERT...

Just when you thought the Pentagon could keep a secret. The June issue of Popular Mechanics declares the military has moved Area 51 (its alleged UFO base) from Nevada's Groom Lake to Utah's Green River Missile Launch Complex. Evidence, you ask ? The mag says that after much rattling of security-fence padlocks, it's found that Area 51 is shut, and $8.2 million is budgeted to update the Utah site, which hasn't been used since 1975. Air force sources say the story is hokum. Green River's mayor says she's happy to host aliens if it means jobs. But so far, the only Area 51 in town is a videogame at Ray's Tavern. It arrived last week.

Newsweek 6/9/97 Periscope/Air force : E.T Alert.

ROSWELL - THE SEQUEL.

Now the military has a new explanation.

By : Marc Peyser.

The Air Force has declared victory over the aliens. Last week the military released a 231 - page report that it hoped would finally bury the mother of all UFO stories : the Roswell Incident. In 1947 a sheep rancher near Roswell, New Mexico, found a blanket of sticks, tape, rubber, tinfoil and paper that many earthlings believe to be the remains of a flying saucer. The government, which has altered its story a few times, still says that debris came from a device used to spy on Soviet nuclear activity. But the feds have now come up with explanations for some of the weirder observations in the area. What some people thought was a flying saucer was probably a disc-shaped NASA test craft. A creature that looked like an alien - slit like eyes, misshapen face - was really an air force captain injured in a balloon flight. People who saw eerie bodies missing their hair, ears and thumbs had stumbled upon life-like dummies that had been dropped out of planes to test parachutes. The military even said that a plane crash near Roswell in which 11 men burned to death might account for the oft-told story of the army's secret autopsies on mangled, blackened corpses. Never mind that the balloon accident, the dummy drops and the deadly crash didn't occur until the 1950s. "If you find that people talk about things over a period of time," said Col. John Haynes, "they begin to lose exactly when the date was."

UFOlogists say it's the military that is confused. "The air force is trying to pull a fast one," says Stanton Friedman, who has written two books on Roswell. "If they said they had dumped dummies in 1947, I would have raised a very big eye brow - but they couldn't, because no one was doing that then." There's more at stake than the government's word. Roswell has built two UFO museums and a small industry around the 1947 incident. This week the town expects 100,000 tourists to come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery in the sheep field. "People are caught up in a mania," says Walter Haut, a retired army PR officer who believes a UFO landed. "Maybe someday the government will come out with satisfactory information, but some people will never be satisfied. This whole thing has gotten out of hand". Now, there's an alien idea that deserves more exposure.

Newsweek : U.S edition - July 7, 1997.

Crop Circle's and UFO's arrive in Holland...

On the 9th June Art Bell show Linda Moulton Howe played a small segment from crop circle researcher Nancy Talbot who spoke of a recent witness to a circle forming in Holland on the 7th June 1999 at 12.15 am. A man woke and looked out of his window on a very large field adjoining his home. He saw a "small, misty, pinkish-purple light. Not a sphere - more football (American style) shaped - but a little smaller, which was coming in over the field at a height of about 10 feet - maybe 12 ft - over the field, from quite a distance away. It's an enormous field. He watched it as it came closer and closer till it was about 50 metres behind his house" (The witness had had several circles in his field before). The light stopped in the air. "The word he used was 'hanging', then it started to elongate - spread out becoming thinner and thinner looking like a disc. When it was about 3 feet in diameter - still hanging there - it stopped, not moving except for the expanding motion. Then he watched electrical discharges coming from the underside of this disc shaped, misty, pinkish-purple cloud - ball of light - for about 6 to 10 seconds. Then the light phenomenon simply dissipated - gone". He quickly threw on some clothes, ran outside to the spot where the light had been to find a 30 foot in diameter circle with a smaller 10 foot circle nearby, neither had been there at 10 p.m. when he went to bed. Talbot didn't know how to interpret the Dutch witness saying the field is grain, but surmises it could be wheat.

(Thanks to Dave Horner in Canada for this snippet)

Another Group Disbands...

In a letter dated the 13th June 1999 Roy Hale passed on the following formation :

I would like to inform you that the ELUFON no longer exists as it was disbanded in April this year.

I am now running Down To Earth Magazine with some other colleagues so I would appreciate, if you wish to send us your newsletter that you refer to us as Down To Earth magazine, instead of ELUFON.

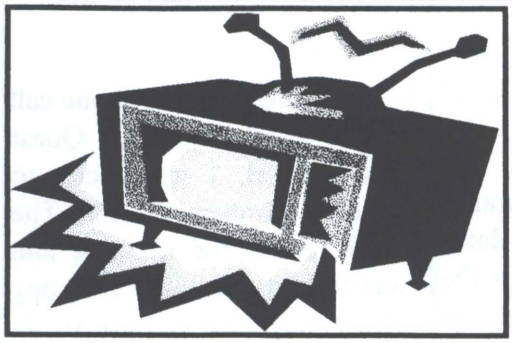
I would also like to take this time to thank you for sending us your newsletter which we enjoy immensely, and we would also like to congratulate Mr. Ernie Sears for his excellent, Non-Biased, and honest opinion of the Magazine reviews.. keep up the good work Ernie !

Thanks once again and we wish everyone at S.U.F.O.G all the best...

Best Regards ...

Roy Hale...

TELEVISION & RADIO REVIEWS : 15th April 1999 - 15th June 1999..



Project UFO...

This excellent program currently being screened on the Science Fiction channel on the cable network is one of the best programs the channel has screened, apart from Sightings. The two airforce officers, working for Project Bluebook travel around America and Europe investigating UFO cases. Obviously by its title, the program, is taken from the Project Bluebook files. An excellent program and one that has been added to the SUFOG video library.

4.5.99 : 3 Minutes. (2 Phonecalls)

We were contacted by the producer of the program and as previously covered in the newsletter, we were filmed in Netley for this program. The item lasted for around 45 secs and went well. The response for the first screening saw the phone ring 1 second after the program had finished.

7.5.99 : 3 Minutes. (2 Phonecalls)

A repeat of the program screened on the 4.5.99.

19.5.99 : 3 Minutes. (2 Phonecalls)

A repeat of the program screened on the 4th and the 7th May.

To date, after sending out six enquiry packages, we have had 1 reply and a new member to the group, taking our subscriptions to 50 members.

23.5.99 : CH4 TV : Nick Pope.

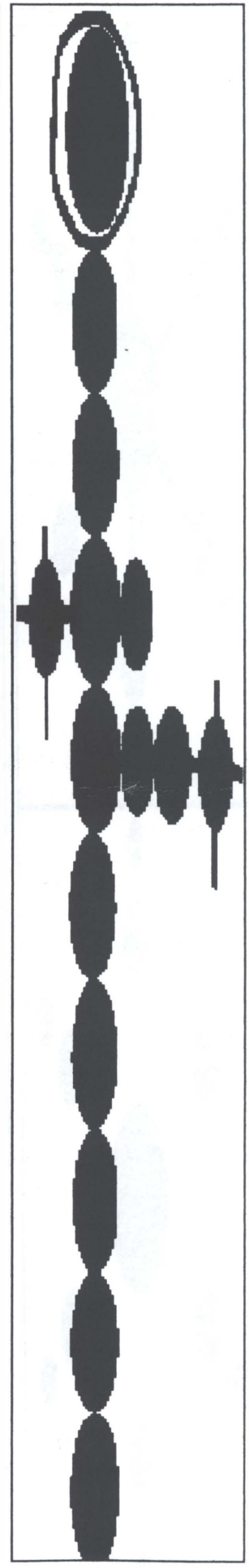
This was the typical interview with Nick Pope and more of a plug for his books. We learnt nothing from this 5 minutes interview and Nick seems to be running out of things to say. I still think there was a deeper meaning behind the MoD letting him publish his books. But, you must remember, that in his books, we never really learnt anything new about that MoD, new cases etc. Obviously, the MoD did censor his books and the cases that he covered, in general, were ones that had already come to the notice of UFO researchers. All in all a pretty ordinary interview of a pretty ordinary guy.

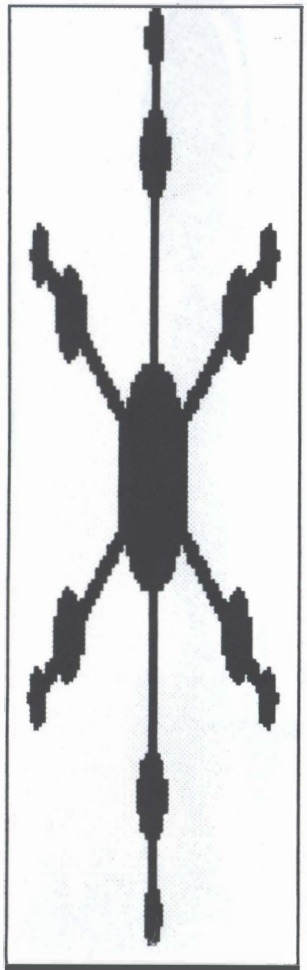
24.5.99 : The Secret KGB Files (Pt 1) :

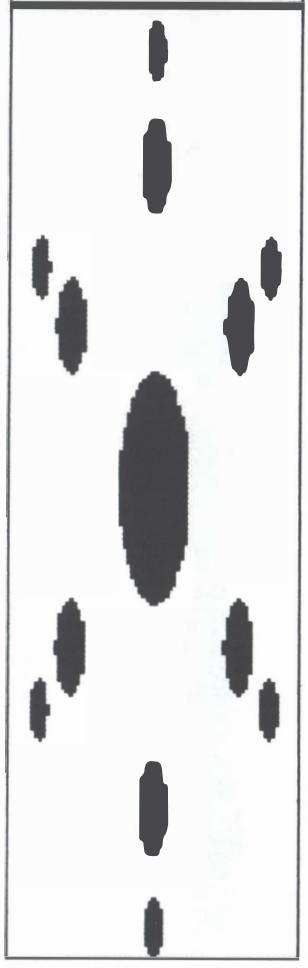
Roger Moore presented an excellent program concerning Russian UFO's and a very thought invoking program. The program showed what appeared to show a UFO buried half way into the ground and the autopsy of what appeared to be the trunk and arm of an alien. Another Roswell type of hoax I wondered. One main thought was how did this UFO bury itself half way into the frozen ground of the Russian wastelands. This certainly left me wondering and this has featured many times in UFO journals and magazines.

31.5.99 : The Secret KGB Files (Pt 2) :

As above, shown a week later...







READERS LETTER COLUMN..

Victor Kean in Germany..

Please tell Ernie Sears that his well-phrased comment... 'why don't we see actual dates and times and locations ?.. essential to the jigsaw for those still finding .. the pieces.' is valid for all UFO magazines...

Here are the FT (Flying Triangle) reports received by Project FT for Jan - April 1999..

Jan.
13th 2250 Belpher, Derby : Triangle.
17th 0615 Southwick, Hants : Triangle.
28th 1800 Liskeard, Cornwall : Triangle.
30th 2230 Hindley, Lancs : Triangle.

Feb.
24th 2110 Throngumb, Humber : Triangle

March.
3rd 2300 Duffield, Derby : Triangle.
12th 1925 Derby, Derbyshire : Triangle.
12th 2130 Chaddeson, Derby : Triangle.
13th 2030 Little Eaton, Derby : Triangle.
31st 2155 Hickley, Derby : Triangle.
31st 2155 Pailton, Warwick : Triangle.

April.
2nd 0130 Woolaton, Notts : Triangle.
7th 2300 Woodthorpe, Notts : Triangle.
7th 2325 Lincoln, Lincs : Triangle.
14th 2220 Ilkeston, Derby : Triangle.

Additional :

Jan 9th 2130 Terrni, Italy : Disc.
Jan 27th 1820 Dundee, Scotland : Diamond
Jan 31st 2055 Sheffield, Yorks : Discs (8)
Feb 2nd 1830 Ashburn Beacon, Lancs.. *

* Note this last one, just 15 mins after SUFOG report SG/02/99..

Victor Kean (Berlin).....

QUEST HAS THAT SINKING FEELING..

Following a recent phone call to the headquarters of Quest International, I was lucky to speak to Graham Birdsall. The main reason for phoning him was to find out where my copy of my magazine had got to, as it hadn't arrived yet, but it was already in the shops. Once this was sorted, Graham dropped the bomb shell...

It appears, that due to subsidence, the rear two offices of the building collapsed in the early hours of the morning. Fortunately, it was just 2 general offices that Quest lost, but it could of been a lot worse.. Luckily no one was hurt, but if it had happened during the day, well, it could of been a completely different story to tell.

Also, on the ground floor, a toilet, used by a local bank was also flattened and so the fire brigade and the police had nothing to go on... Sorry for that folks !!!

All of the computer equipment is stored in another office, so fortunately non of this was damaged. I hope that Quest gets back on its feet soon and I understand there will be full details in the next edition of the magazine.

CONFERENCE 1999
24TH OCTOBER...
GRAHAM BIRDSALL
RUSSEL CALLAGHAN
MALCOLM ROBINSON
10 AM - 5 PM...
MEMBERS : £10
NON MEMBERS : £12

NEWS RELEASE FROM NICK REDFERN 16.5.99

UFOs, THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT & THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE - A BREAKTHROUGH..

Has the British Government ever employed the use of the Official Secrets Act to silence those implicated in the UFO subject ? To those armchair researchers who proclaim that such an idea is absurd, I say : 'Think again'.

In my first book, A Covert Agenda, I presented clear evidence via officially-released documents now available at the public Record Office at Kew, that in both 1953 and 1956 orders were circulated throughout the RAF warning personnel not to talk about the UFO issue outside of official channels ; however, the records which had been declassified at the time I wrote the book did not directly reference the OSA or its potential use from a UFOlogical perspective. Nevertheless, I was also able to present the testimony of a number of individuals (some with media ties) who asserted that OSA had been used to keep the truth surrounding UFOs under wraps.

Via a file that I secured only days ago from the PRO, however, I am now able to prove conclusively that UFOs and the Official Secrets Act go hand in hand. Exactly why the Government has chosen to release this file is a mystery in itself, given that it sharply contradicts past assertions.

The file in question (titled 'UFO Policy') covers the period 1958 to 1963 and revolves around UFO investigations undertaken by various Air Ministry departments during that time frame. Contained within the file as a 6-page document dating from December 1960 and circulated at 'Secret' level throughout the Royal Air Force. Like earlier papers, it details the procedures to be followed in the event that military radar operators, RAF pilots, civil pilots or members of the public should report a UFO.

Interestingly, however, the paper in question contains two eye-opening revelations. First, it states that in situations where UFOs were tracked on radar, any military aircraft in the vicinity were to be diverted from their normal flight to 'investigate the phenomena'. Second, and far more significant, is the Air Ministry's overwhelming desire to prevent the media and the public learning about such intrusions, trackings and interceptions. I quote from the paper in question :

'The Press are never to be given information about unusual radar sightings. Unauthorised disclosures of this type will be viewed as offences under the Official Secrets Act.'

Although brief in nature, this document (which remained in use until the formation of the MoD on 1 April 1964 - how appropriate) makes it abundantly clear that the UFO issue was indeed covered by the OSA.

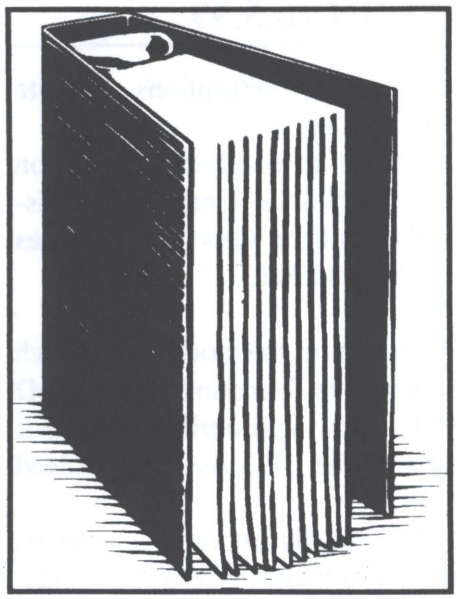
On another - but equally important - matter, the file in question also makes a very brief reference to a pre-1959 study of the UFO mystery carried out by none other than the British Government's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) !

Certainly, it has long been recognised that at various times since the late 1940s investigations into UFO encounters have been undertaken by the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Defence. However, the revelation that the JIC also carried out an investigation more than 40 years ago is of great significance. Why so ?

First, the membership of the JIC includes not just elite personnel from the MoD, the Treasury and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, but also the heads of MI5, MI6 and the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham - GCHQ !

Second, the fact that (to my knowledge) no rumours have ever circulated to the effect that the JIC undertook its own UFO investigations programme in the late 1940s or 1950s, is an indication of the level of secrecy that surrounded the project.

The files at the Public Records Office concerning the JIC make no reference top a 1940s/50s UFO investigation ; however, I am now actively looking to resolve this issue via several methods and hope ultimately to reveal further findings at a later date. At this stage, the extent to which any of this may have a bearing on the allegations of direct UFO studies undertaken by GCHQ, MI5 and MI6 both decades ago and in the present day, can only be guessed at.



BOOK REVIEW By Ernie Sears.

"Alien Investigator"
Author Tony Dodd.
Publishers : Headline Book Publishing
338 Euston Rod
London NW1 3BH.

One of the most gripping and authentic sounding UFO books on the subject I have read in many years. Written in a down to earth style (no joke intended !) with all the attention to detail that one might expect from an ex-serving police officer, right from the authors first actual close encounter in January 1978 while on his Yorkshire "beat", along with a startled colleague in their police vehicle, to the present day...

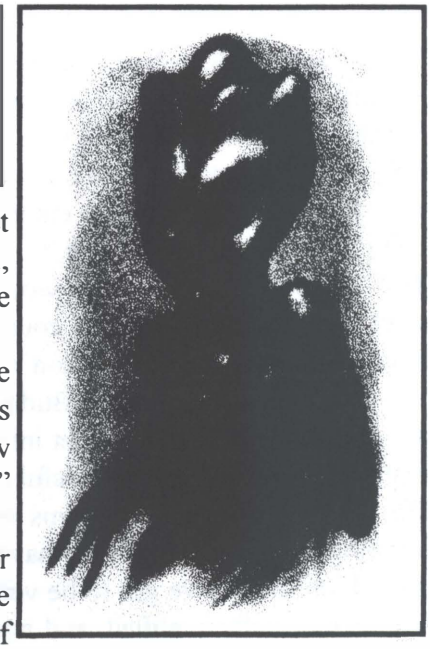
Tony Dodd was to encounter many more such incidents, and on retirement put all his experience with the first Crime Task Force during his 1962 to 1988 stint, being seized with an insatiable desire to find "the truth" of the enigma. The book goes boldly into top secret Government reports, relates the astonishing events during vast Nato exercises in the North Atlantic, and around and even UNDER the frozen wastes of Iceland, from 1992 until almost the present day.

Vanishing warships and aircraft, complete with pilots, continuing reports from fishing vessels of huge underwater illuminated craft, all bear the stamp of authenticity, while Tony Dodd's gradual realisation of his growing "spiritual" awareness brought him in line with thousands of UFO percipients and abductee's who he joined. I can vouch for all this himself as readers will know. My own book at last finished and hopefully acceptable after some 12 years of slaving away at it !

"Alien Investigator" is a book you will not be able to put down.. I have read my review copy a number of times... finding nuggets of information that leaves one on no doubt whatsoever that the question the author poses towards the end of the book, MUST surely be answered by the Governmental and secret organisations world-wide, who have grimly denied events for half a century, soon, if not sooner. With our planet being apparently in the grip of pockets of evil and determined humans, and the future looking disturbingly fragile, Tony Dodd is one of those very brave men who places the facts, the truth, before us all, that for a very long time we have been infiltrated by various species, that the powers that be do not know how to tell us, that they are helpless to deal with the enigma, and, as Tony believes, we are the pawns in a cosmic drama being played out, a scenario that might well leave us needing all the spiritual help we can get.

DON'T FORGET CONFERENCE 1999
24TH OCTOBER 1999 IN THE HEART OF SOUTHAMPTON.
SPEAKERS : RUSSEL CALLAGHAN, GRAHAM BIRDSALL AND MALCOLM ROBINSON.
POSSIBLE THE LAST EVENT OF THE CENTURY...

THE TIMOTHY GOOD INTERVIEW.. GROUP MEMBER BILL SMITH.. 17TH FEBRUARY 1999 AT WATERSTONES BOOK SHOP, SOUTHAMPTON.



I'm sure to many of you, Timothy needs little introduction, but just to refresh your memories, and as an introduction to his splendid work, I will run through one or two things he has been involved in over the last 12 years.

First, in 1987, he published his first book "Above Top Secret" (The World Wide Cover-up) which reached number one in the Best Sellers list, and recently, his book has been updated to include many more new U.F.O and related incidents under the title of "Beyond Top Secret" (The World Wide UFO Security Threat).

If you have either of these books on your shelf at home, consider yourself very fortunate, as you will have in your possession one of the most complete and informative volumes ever written on the subject of UFO's and Alien Contact. You will find yourself going back time and time again into the book for background facts and information. If you don't own either of these books, I advise you to pick them up as soon as possible.

Also amongst Timothy's other excellent contributions are "Alien Liaison" (The Ultimate Secret) 1991 "Alien Update" 1993 and "Alien Base" 1998. Sandwiched in between these were the comprehensive "UFO Reports" of 1991, 1992 and 1993. Timothy informed me that the reason the yearly "UFO Reports" did not continue, was that "Alien Update" took over the mantle from them.

Timothy's TV and Radio work has been so extensive, I can not mention all those programs he has appeared on. But in most programs on the subject of UFOlogy, he is usually called on to contribute in some way. As I had known Timothy ass an author through reading his books for a number of years, it was with great pleasure that I heard he was coming to "Waterstones" at Above Bar in Southampton to promote his latest book "Alien Base" (Earth's Encounters with Extraterrestrial's). I duly went hot footed to Waterstones to find out more and obtain a ticket to allow me to attend this unique event. I saw this as an opportunity too good to miss and thought if I wrote to Timothy, he may be kind enough to grant me an audience. I did not know whether or not I would receive a reply, seeing as he must be in great demand. But within 3 days, a letter dropped on my doorstep. It was a note from Timothy asking to meet him at the book shop at 18.45, a full 45 mins before his presentation was due to start. Well, at long last, the day arrived and I turned up at the door of "Waterstones" at 18.40. There was no sign of life inside or outside the entrance. Nothing happened for about 10 minutes. Then the manager came to the door and asked if he could help me. I explained that Timothy had written to me d asked me to arrive early so we could have a chat. The manager then said he would check to see if Timothy had arrived and he disappeared back inside the bookstore. A few more minutes wait and he returned, opened the door and said Timothy was waiting for me downstairs.

We shook hands and I introduced myself and after we had chatted for a few minutes, I asked him if he would be so kind as to grant me an interview on behalf of the readers of the SUFOG Newsletter and he agreed.

As the room we were in was being prepared for Timothy's presentation, I asked the manager's if there was another room we could use for the interview and she kindly offered us the facility of the staff managers office on the top floor. So we made our way up in the lift to the office. The atmosphere was much more comfortable and relaxed and ideal for both of us. What now follows is a full transcript of the interview I had with author Timothy Good.

BS : First of all Timothy, welcome to Southampton, and I hope you enjoy your visit here.

TG : Thank you. Unfortunately I won't be staying very long, but it's not the first time I've visited Southampton. My mother's family had a house in the Isle of Wight and I've also done concerts in Southampton with the L.S.O.

BS : Happy memories for you I am sure. If I may start off with my first question. Could I ask you why you think the 'Greys' have emerged as the predominant form of alien being in view of the variety of UFO's seen across the world ?

TG : A good question, and I would answer that by saying are they the most predominant form of aliens seen in recent times ? Some countries do not report Grey bug eyed aliens. The Greys exist, I have no doubt about that. But I don't think they look like those pictured on Whitley Striebers book "Communion". People read Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, John Mack and Whitley Strieber books, and its very easy for people to get into the frame of mind that they've been abducted by aliens. I think also that we've got to be very careful in the way we use hypnotic regression.

BS : Yes, I've seen programs on TV that suggest people undergoing this treatment may only be bringing forward images they have seen on TV or read about in books.

TG : Exactly. We've got to be very careful. It can be a useful tool, but it should be handled by someone who is medically qualified, and not by those back street abductionists who may only encourage peoples fantasies if they are fantasy prone.

BS : I don't think that hypnosis is always the answer in some cases.

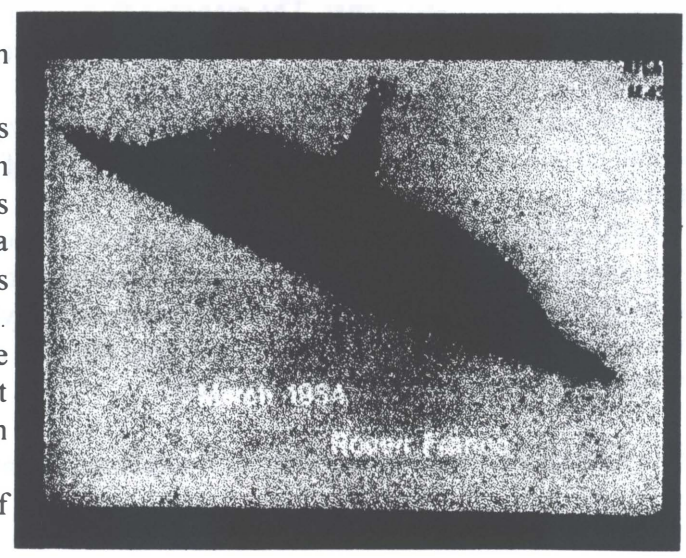
TG : No, I think that people, with time, do recall what has happened to them and I think that that's healthy and that they can deal with it much better. But the bottom line as far as I'm concerned is that people have been abducted. There is no question about that in my mind. But going back to your original question, one of the reasons for writing "Alien Base" is to show that rather than just these bug eyed aliens being seen. There are far more alien species now than is commonly supposed.

BS : UFO sightings have increased steadily over the last few years. Do you think that with the advances in video and photographic technology, UFOlogists are in danger of having even more problems with hoaxes ?

TG : Yes, I think there is a danger of this happening. We see it already with the proliferation of video of lights in the sky. Video cameras must be used properly especially at night. Unfortunately far too many people are filming airships, aircraft lights, and other things at great distance and sometimes the video gives the wrong impression.

BS : The classic one I can remember from TV is the orange diamond shaped UFO, which I believe was caused by an effect created by the camera lens.

TG : That was first shown up in Lawrence Moors documentary "UFO" which he produced, directed and wrote, and I was the consultant on that when we were able to show conclusively that it was the effect of the iris on the video camera, and similar shots have been taken in Russia, but we are dealing with a light source of some kind. So there was something there, but hopefully one day someone is going to get something fantastic on film.



BS : Do you think that Ray Santilli's video of an alien autopsy should be taken seriously.

TG : I think it should be taken seriously, but has anyone actually analysed the supposed 16mm footage. I heard about this film long before it was made public. I tried to contact Ray Santilli on a number of occasions, but my messages and faxes were ignored, and I find that very suspicious. From what I've seen, I could be wrong, but to me it looks as though it was filmed on video. I don't see anything to indicate that it was shot on 16mm film.

In 1947 with 16mm, you would get all sorts of

scratches, flares etc. You can clean these up. I could be wrong, but my conviction is that this film is bogus.

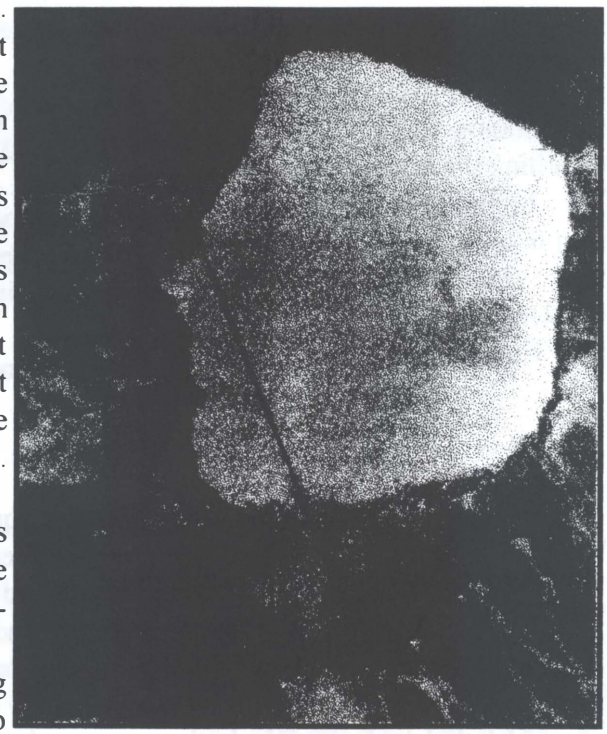
BS : During your extensive research and investigations, is there any one particular case that you think proves the case for alien visitations.

TG : I can't think of any one particular case. It's a multi-faceted subject and it's more a number of cases put together, rather than one that stands out on its own. Someone may have got some good film, another may have been taken on board a craft. All sorts of aspects come into it and it's very difficult for people who've been abducted to prove their experiences. If your talking about proof, proof is unfortunately elusive. I'm sure it's there and that the American's have alien craft and bodies and that possibly limited communication going back over the years to the 1940's.

BS : If Government's continually says UFO's have no defence significance, why are they obviously still taking part in blatant cover-ups ?

TG : I think it's nonsense. They clearly have very great defence significance. If they are invading our air space at will, if we don't know where they are coming from or what their purpose is, if it's not a defence significance, I don't know what is. As Nick Pope has confirmed, there have been many cases of civilian aircraft being involved with near collisions with UFO's. These could have been disastrous and that is surely of defence significance to military aircraft in particular. There have been cases where they have tried to 'lock on' or fire at these UFO's and guidance systems have failed, communications systems are effected, radar is effected. These are serious problems and of course another one is missing aircraft.

BS : Do you believe Bob Lazar's claims that he worked on alien spacecraft at Area 51, given that there is no conclusive evidence to prove he ever worked there.



TG : Bob Lazar has lied about his credentials, he is not a nuclear physicist. There are no records to say he attended colleges or university's that he says he's been to. He has also got a very dubious background which he has been up front about, but in saying that, some things that happened during that time frame indicated to me that he may well have been exposed to something. He is a very talented engineer and may have been brought in as a "maverick engineer" on some unknown project at Papoose Lake, just a few miles from Area 51. A recent MUFON Journal article suggests that there may be reasons for taking some of Bob Lazar's claims seriously. So I think there is something in it.

BS : Area 51 according to records, still doesn't exist. Is it possible that top secret "Black" aircraft projects are being tested there and are they the result of alien technology.

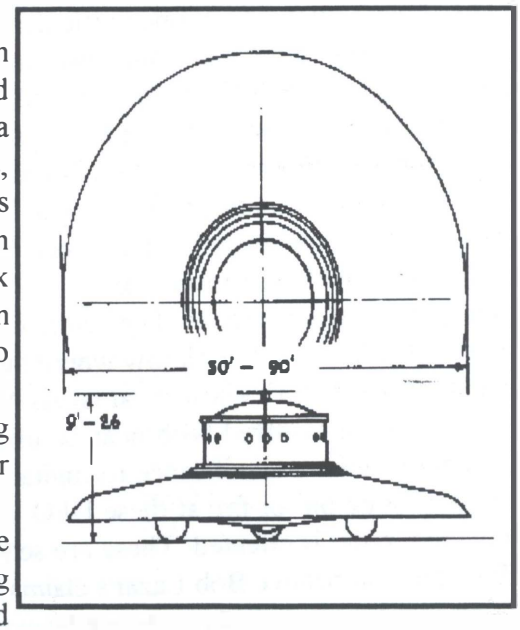
TG : Area 51 has now been acknowledged as being there and the term "dreamland" has now been applied to describe this place. In answer to the first part of your question, I would say they are definitely still testing and experimenting with "Top secret" aircraft at this place, but some of the craft used there, certainly look to me as if they are. If not extraterrestrial. Attempts to duplicate the technology and I think that is going on. We haven't yet reached the stage where we can fly these things around all over the place. We are testing them very carefully because if one of these things got lost or came down, it would be absolutely disastrous.

BS : Do you think there is any particular reason for the recent spate of UFO sightings in Mexico ?

TG : I have seen hundreds of video's of the sightings in Mexico. Most of them I don't find convincing at all, but obviously something there is genuine. There is no doubt that something is going on. I do mention in my book "Alien Base" aircraft coming in to land at Mexico airport running into the odd

vehicle or small probe and of serious problems with radar and on board computer systems.

BS : Lord Hill Norton recently asked questions in the House about the Rendlesham Forest Incident and was told that nothing of defence significance happened there, when again evidence clearly shows something definitely did happen there.



TG : Something of defence significance clearly did happen there. Bentwaters which had more nuclear weapons stored there than any where else in Europe was nearby and clearly if a craft of unknown origin lands outside two American air bases, it is of enormous defence significance. If not, why then as Colonel Holt told me did a special team come over from Washington and from what I gather from other sources, check the nuclear weapons to see if they were affected by being in proximity of UFO's. It's far too sensitive for the authorities to admit that.

BS : Do you ever feel you are getting so close to uncovering the truth, that deliberate attempts are made to stop or hinder some of your investigations.

TG : Yes. I've never been threatened, but attempts were made in the U.S. to hinder my investigations on 3 occasions going back to the 1970's, where my hotel room was broken into and my research notes were stolen. An on another occasion, all my tickets to fly me around to other locations were also stolen from my hotel room.

BS : Do you think that the films of Travis Waltons experiences (Fire In The Sky) and Whitley Streibers Communion should have been made and do you think they have had a positive or negative effect regarding the case of alien abductions ?

TG : I think both, depending on who is watching it as far as serious researchers are concerned. I find it infuriating in both films, that the actual descriptions are so sensationalised, particularly "Fire In The Sky". The film about Travis Walton, it is nothing like his experiences as he described it, which I find annoying. But that's Hollywood for you.

BS : Timothy, thank you very much for your time.

I would have loved to have had more time to question Timothy, but time was pressing on, and he had to go and give his presentation to a packed audience (More about that later).

I would sincerely like to thank the manager and manageress of Waterstones book shop and most of all thank Timothy Good for replying to my letter and allowing me to interview him.

Hopefully, we will meet again for another chat in the not too distant future. I hope those of you reading this article have enjoyed it and hopefully my pen will be active again soon. Till then, take care, take notice and take the tablets if necessary, but don't take no for an answer. The truth is out there somewhere.

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